



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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Dear State Bar staff,

With tremendous gratitude for the last two years of exemplary service, the Board of Trustees accepts Elizabeth Parker's resignation from the position of Executive Director of The State Bar of California. We are also pleased to announce that the Board has named Leah Wilson as the new Executive Director. Ms. Wilson will move into this role upon Elizabeth's September 7 departure.

In naming Leah Wilson as the next Executive Director of The State Bar of California, we have the right leader in place to ensure that the agency will continue the progress it has made in advancing its mission to protect the public.

This succession plan was envisioned two years ago when the board hired both Elizabeth and Leah to guide the agency through a time of significant reform. On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank them both for the progress that the State Bar has made under their leadership, in a very short amount of time, the details of which are outlined in Elizabeth's resignation letter.

While the State Bar has made tremendous progress that we should all be proud of, a great deal of work remains. With Leah Wilson at the helm, the State Bar will maintain the momentum of reform to ensure the agency's ongoing focus on its public protection mission.

The Board has also identified and will implement a transition plan to support ongoing operational excellence. The transition team includes the two of us, Sean SeLegue, Alan Steinbrecher, and Elizabeth Parker.

We also want to thank each member of the State Bar staff. You are critical to the success of the State Bar's reform efforts, and we look forward to our success and progress ahead under Leah Wilson's leadership. We ask each of you to continue your good work to support the State Bar as we work together toward those goals.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. Fox".

James P. Fox
President, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Colantuono".

Michael Colantuono
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